



Press Release

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PRESS RELEASE **February 2, 2012**

Lt. Todd MenMuir has reported that on Wednesday, February 1, 2012, at 1909 hrs., the Lake County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to the N & S railroad crossing at Davis road in Perry Township, Ohio concerning a motor vehicle that was stranded on the railroad tracks. While Deputies were responding to the scene the call escalated to a vehicle that had been struck by a westbound freight train. The vehicle was said to be unoccupied.

The investigation concluded that Taylor N. Lapsevich, age 19 from Mentor, Ohio, was operating a 1994 Pontiac Grand Am. She was northbound on Davis road. Michael Gray, a 19 year old male from Geneva, Ohio, was a passenger in the vehicle at the time. Taylor Lapsevich failed to negotiate a curve on the roadway and lost control of her vehicle. The Pontiac Grand Am became stranded on the rails of the N & S railroad tracks. Taylor Lapsevich and Michael Gray had exited the vehicle. Attempts were made to remove the vehicle from the tracks, but all attempts failed. The Pontiac was then struck by a W/B freight train which contained 138 train cars.

The Pontiac sustained severe damage. The train engine sustained minor damage. Occupants of the train were not harmed. No citations have been issued at this time. The crash is still under investigation.

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